



**Local Historic District Commission  
August 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

On Monday, August 9, 2021, the Local Historic District Commission (LHDC) and the Holyoke Historical Commission (HHC) held a joint Public Meeting via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Marco Crescentini,	Chairman
Christine Berge,	Secretary
Darcy Lambert,	Commissioner
Matteo Riondato	Commissioner
Olivia Mausel,	Alternate

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

At 6:45 p.m., Marco called for a motion to open the LHDC Meeting.

2. A. Sacred Heart Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Buildings – establishing a Local Historic District- Discussion between the two Commissions about the Diocese of Springfield wanting to pull a Demo Permit for it. The LHDC recommended a study, and to work with the HHC to create a report, to be done by Olivia and Christine. Generally, the LHDC and HHC in favor of establishing it as a new Local Historic District.

B. Discussion on combining the HHC and the LHDC-

The main question was should there be only one Commission? The Local would have to be incorporated into the HHC, and the ordinances re-written. Other questions discussed: what benefits there would be; any legal questions or concerns; any restrictions.

How the Commission would function was discussed: the Springfield Historic Commission was used as an example because it has 7-9 Local District Commissions. The Springfield bylaws may be good to serve as a model, because they state the Historic Commission can take on the roll of the Local Commission. The need for more Public hearings was mentioned. The HHC will do the research necessary to explore if combining the two Commissions makes sense and the advantages of doing so.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the LHDC at 6:55 p.m. The vote carried.